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SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL DURING ME BRIEFING CONFIRMED GON WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN A UN EMERGENCY FORCE IF REQUESTED BY SYG AND APPROVED BY THE SC; COMMENTED ON POSSIBLE DUTCH CONTINGENT; AND DISCUSSED ARAB OIL BOYCOTT AND NATIONALIZATION OF DUTCH INTERESTS, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS ACUTE. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING MY CALL ON FONMIN VAN DER STOEL, I CONVEYED USG'S APPRECIATION OF GON'S OFFER TO BE HELPFUL WITHIN THE ALLIANCE (REFTEL) AND THEN SUMMARIZED THE STATE OF PLAY AS IT PRESENTLY EXISTS ON THE GROUND AND AT THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL. I OUTLINED OUR POLICY THINKING, IN WHICH GON HAD EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST, AND EMPHAS-
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IZED THAT THE UNITED STATES WISHES TO STOP NOT ONLY THE IMMEDIATE

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HOSTILITIES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CURRENT UN RESOLUTION BUT TO PROCEED TO THE UNDERLYING PROBLEMS ALSO WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UN. THE FONMIN WAS ALSO APPRISED OF OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE AMBIGUOUS SOVIET MILITARY ACTIONS WHICH HAD BEEN CONSIDERED BY THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL. I NOTED THAT THE LATTER HAD MET (WITHOUT THE PRESIDENT) AND HAD UNAMOUSLY RECOMMENDED A LOW STATE OF ALERT DUE TO THE AMBIGUITIES OF SOVIET MILITARY ACTIONS. I OUTLINED OUR THINKING ON A UN EMERGENCY FORCE, AND THE FIRST STEPS BEING TAKEN TO GET ONE IN PLACE.

2. FONMIN THANKED ME FOR THE FOREGOING BRIEFING AND ASKED IF I HAD INFORMATION REGARDING A STATEMENT BY SENATOR JACKSON, WHO HAD REFERRED TO THE CAUSE OF THE "AMBIGUITY OF SOVIET INTENTIONS" AS HAVING ARISEN FROM WHAT THE FONMIN DESCRIBED AS A "ROUGH SOVIET NOTE" DELIVERED TO THE US, PRESUMABLY IN WASHINGTON. I REPLIED I HAD NO DETAILED KNOWLEDGE AND WOULD CHECK THE MATTER AND ADVISE FONOFF (VAN DER KUN, WHO WAS PRESENT) WHEN WE HAD MORE INFOR-MATION.

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE AIRLIFT AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR THE UNEF, I MENTIONED THAT WE MIGHT PERHAPS REQUEST OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING RIGHTS FROM THE GON FOR US AIRCRAFT OPERATING UNDER THE UN RESOLUTION . VAN DER STOEL SAID THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM (STATE 211310).

4. THE FONMIN VOLUNTEERED THAT THE GON WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE A CONTINGENT TO A UN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE IF WALDHEIM REQUESTS IT, AND SUBJECT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL (STATE 211411 AND THE HAGUE 4719). HE SAID WHILE NO FORMAL REQUEST HAS AS YET BEEN RECEIVED FROM WALDHEIM, GON IS PREPARED TO ACT PROMPTLY. HE HAD TOLD THE SAME TO THE BELGIANS, WITH WHOM GON HAS DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF SENDING AN EC CONTINGENT. THIS WOULD PRESENT PROBLEMS, HOWEVER, VAN DER STOEL NOTED. FIRST, FRANCE AND GREAT BRITAIN WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO JOIN SINCE PERMANENT SC MEMBERS; AND SECOND, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE ARABS WOULD FEEL THERE WAS TOO MUCH INVOLVEMENT BY WESTERN EUROPE SINCE AUSTRIAN, FINNISH AND SWEDEN TROOPS WERE PARTICIPATING IN THE INITIAL CONTINGENT FROM CYPRUS.

5. THE FONMIN ELABORATED THAT SINCE 1965 THE GON HAS EARMARKED
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MARINE AND NAVAL FORCES FOR PEACEKEEPING PURPOSES. HE INDICATED TRANSPORTATION WAS AVAILABLE TO SEND THEM OUT "ON SHORT NOTICE". HE DID NOT VOLUNTEER THE SIZE OF SUCH A CONTINGENT AND I DID NOT PRESS HIM FOR SAME.

6. THE FOREIGN MINISTER NOTED THAT UNEF FORCES WERE PRESENTLY ARRIVING IN THE MIDEAST AREA AND HOPED THAT THE CEASE-FIRE WOULD STICK DESPITE REPORTED RENEWED ACTIVITY BY THE EGYPTIAN 3RD ARMY

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AND ATTACK ON AN ISRAELI TANKER.

7. THE PROBLEM OF THE ARAB OIL BOYCOTT AND NATIONALIZATION WAS ACUTE FOR THE DUTCH, THE FOREIGN MINISTER NOTED. HE SAID THAT ALGERIA, KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR AND ABU DHABI HAD ALL EMBARGOED OIL, BUT THE GON DID NOT REALLY KNOW THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS YET. HE NOTED THAT IRAQ HAD NATIONALIZED THE SHELL HOLDINGS THERE. THESE WILL HAVE VERY SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS FOR ROTTERDAM. THE GON IS MOST ANXIOUS TO KEEP SAUDI ARABIA FROM JOINING THE EMBARGO.
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